

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 11/22 9:30 am

Wed: 11/23 6:45 pm

Sat: 11/26 6:30 pm Adele Spiccia

~given by Hallie Edenfield

Sun: 11/27 8:30 am People of the parish

CONTRIBUTIONS for November 13, 2016

Church Budget \$ 2,100

General Offertory \$ 1,712

COUNTERS for this week are: Flora Butler and Gary Cortellino.

Flowers are in memory of Chau Suet Ying.

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493

Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950

Ladies of Saint Mary: Stephanie Cortellino 404-353-0475

Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344

Jessica Burger 1-904-219-1129

Knights of Columbus: Mike Staley 770-241-8544

Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410

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Multi-Purpose Building Committee: 706-201-1185

Counters for church contributions are needed. If you have two to three hours to spare at least once a month to join the counting group, please contact Nancy Williamson at (706) 356 8046..

SUNDAY MISSAL - 2016-2017: Copies for those who subscribed are in the narthex along with a payment envelope.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The price is \$5.00 each, please see Sharon Cook, the names will be listed in our Christmas Bulletin.

Pray for ... PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Chuck Hansen, Judy Hawkins, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Carl Pope, Chloe Smith, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivel, Karen Poole, Carlton House, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, Brion Lanier, Max Biester, Gloria Woodall, Laura Barnett, Dell Thomas, Nan Lunn, Diane Farmer, Tina Vu, Lore Schnell, Gwen Cuvo, Larry Barbour, Walter Gaines, Janice Sibley and Joan Ferrara.



Best Advent Ever

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop.

These activities are all part of the season, but at its heart, Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. Opening your heart to him. Getting to know him. Becoming a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, etc.

This Advent, join me and your fellow parishioners for best Advent ever: Rediscover Christmas, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what really matters during the busy season. Each day, you'll receive an email with practical tips, free Christmas music, or an inspirational video from Dr. Allen Hunt and other Catholic voices of our time.

The program is simple. All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com. Your experience of Christmas will be unlike any you've experienced before. Are you ready for your best Advent ever?

ADVENT WREATHS, ADVENT CANDLES, and ADVENT CALENDARS will be on sale starting Nov. 19th and 20th after mass. Proceeds will go to the Ladies Guild for future projects. Any questions, phone Pat Defenbaugh @ 706-244-1316.

ATTENTION ALL NEW AND CURRENT LECTORS

Please pick-up your workbook for the 2017 Liturgical Year. The workbooks are on the counter in the Sacristy. Sign the sheet and write your contact information.

ATTENTION ALL NEW AND CURRENT LECTORS

An Archdiocesan required training session will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Meet in the parish hall at 11am for training, followed by a light lunch and viewing of Scott Hahn's "The Fourth Cup." Questions? Call Mary @ 770-313-9192. Attendance is mandatory to be in this ministry.

ATTENTION ALL NEW AND CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

An Archdiocesan required training session will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Meet in the parish hall at noon for a light lunch and viewing of Scott Hahn's "The Fourth Cup," following by training to conclude at 2pm. Questions? call Mary @ 770-313-9192. Attendance is mandatory to be in this ministry.

The Parish Council wishes to thank the entire St Mary's Parish for your wonderful support on our recent project regarding the 'Organizations & Ministries' directory' and the 'Ministry Fair'.

Eight parishioners have committed and signed up for various ministries. A few signed up for two ministries, most signed up for Lectors' and/or Eucharistic Ministers.

A few others were not ready to commit but appeared to appreciate the availability of the ministers being on hand to answer questions.

Not comfortable with Obamacare? Visit: solidarityhealthshare.org or call 844-313-4999. Contact Mary Madani, a solidarity healthshare member, 770-313-9192.

Thank you for taking an active part in something so extraordinary. The 2016 Auxiliary Fund Drive had another successful year. Over \$105,000.00 was donated to help Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home. A special thanks to Mary Beverly! We raised 252 this year for this special home

The Parish Council has registered St Mary's Catholic

Church in the annual Toccoa Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 @ 4pm. We have a utility trailer (5x10) (float) that we need to decorate in this year's Parade theme, "a Candy Land Christmas".

We need donations of large Christmas ornaments pertaining to the theme; candy canes, gingerbread caricatures, lollipops (you get the idea). We also need your help to decorate and participate or just to visit us as we scurry about! All are welcome! Young in age and young in heart!

Trailer decorating will take place in St Mary's parking lot on Sunday, November 27th, 2016 @ 11:00am...a main meat dish lunch will be prepared by Council member Tony Vu and his wife Tina., Please bring a side and/or dessert to share with others; "What a great way to finish up those Thanksgiving leftovers!!!!.

All parade participants (St Mary's included) will be judged for the participants 'interpretation of the theme'. (Judging takes place at the end of the parade in front of City Hall).

So bring your imaginative, creative and artistic skills!

We also need adults/children parishioners along the parade route (Doyle Street) to cheer us on!!!

What a great way to promote St Mary's Catholic Church of Toccoa, Georgia!

See ya' at both events!

Questions?????

Courtney Pendergrast, (706) 244-1630, poole.courtney@gmail.com

Gary Cortellino, (678) 360-2545, garycortel@aol.com

St. Vincent dePaul

SVdP, St. Mary's Conference will meet this Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:00 PM in the home of Nancy Williamson (322 Rue Saint Joan, Lavonia, GA). This will be our only meeting in December and will be a social event to get to know each other better. All parishioners are invited to join us — please bring a dish that is an hors-d'oeuvre or finger food.

Please note that our regular meeting dates are changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 7:00 PM, beginning in January, 2017. For questions or information call Nancy Williamson at (706) 356 8046.